

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6, 12, 14, 18, 41, 45, 49 and 53 have been amended. Claims 2 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-12, 14-43, 45-47, 49-51 and 53-55 are currently pending in the application.

PRIORITY

Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge the claim for priority and safe receipt of the certified priority document. The certified priority document was filed on April 17, 2000. A copy of the mailroom date-stamped receipt is attached to indicate receipt of the document by the Patent Office.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 9-11, 12, 22-24, 25, 28-33, 41-43, 45-47, 49-51 and 53-55 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duursma et al (U.S. Patent 2002/0103884) in view of Levergood et al (U.S. Patent 5,708,780). Claims 6-8, 18-21, 27 and 38-40 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Duursma et al in view of Levergood et al and

further in view of Savage (U.S. Patent 6,442,687). These rejections are traversed as follows.

According to the presently claimed invention, a quoted information providing unit (110) determines (209) a response to a second request (208) from an information display unit (120) as to whether or not the second request is allowed according to identifying information (URI) included in the second request and information of a quotation allowance database. The quotation allowance database is a correspondence table which indicates a correspondence between an identifier code (ID) specifying second information for which a quotation is allowed in the second information providing resource and an identifier of first information (URI) in the first information providing source. The reference numerals used herein, in parenthesis, are used by way of example only and should not unduly limit the interpretation of the claims.

The quoted information providing unit (110) can control the information display unit (120) to display the quoted (second) information (251). The second request (Fig. 5) is for requesting quoted (second) information (251) quoted in the primary (first) information (250) on the display screen. The quoted information providing unit (110) checks identifying information (URI) included in the second request (Fig. 5) from

the primary information providing unit (100). The identifying information is a URI which specifies the primary (first) information (250). The quoted information providing unit (110) has a data table (Fig. 7) which indicates the URIs of the primary (first) information which are allowed to quote information identified by the identifiers of the quoted information shown in the table. The quoted information providing unit (110) refers to the table (Fig. 7) and determines whether or not the second request (quotation of the second information) is allowed based on a received identifying information (URI) and the second request and the table. This solves the various problems encountered in the prior art as explained in the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION section of the present specification.

None of the cited references disclose that the URI is used to determine whether or not the second request for quoting the second information in the first information is allowed. The prior art references merely disclose that a URI is used to specify the web site or identify particular information. It is submitted that the pending claims, as amended, patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

In addition, the newly cited reference to Levergood et al also fails to disclose or suggest that the second request for

quoting second information in the first information is allowed
based on the identifier (URI) of the primary (first)
information and the quotation allowance database.

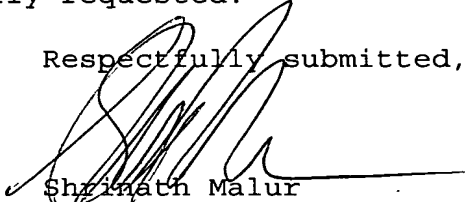
Request for Interview

Applicants request the Examiner conduct an interview with
the undersigned prior to issuing a subsequent office action.
As such, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the
undersigned by telephone to arrange an appropriate time for the
interview.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,
Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now
in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and
reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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